RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Magistrate.

MR. K. A NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know who was the District Magistrate?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. Cameron.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know, whether the District Magistrate is competent to make such arrangements?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think, in short vacancies, the District Magistrate can make arrangements, simply to hold charge.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Was the Tahsildar simply holding charge?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar did admit two cases and process was issued in one case. That was an irregularity. I have nothing more to add.

Eloor Lower Grade Elementary School.

415. ✻**MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*): In answer to question No. 154 of the Seventh Session of the First Assembly, dated the 3rd Vrischikam 1111, 19th November 1935, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the inhabitants of Eloor in the Varapuzha *pakuthi* of Parur taluk have sent any representation, to Government and the Director of Public Instruction, that the Malayalam Lower Grade Elementary School should not be abolished; and

(*b*) the action taken by them on the representation?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Sanction has been accorded to the school being revived with effect from the beginning of the current school year (1936-37).

Sugar-cane Farm in South Travancore.

416. ✻**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to open a sugar-cane farm in South Travancore in pursuance of their statement before the Assembly?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have sanctioned the opening of a sugar-cane farm in South Travancore and arrangements are now in progress to select a suitable site for locating the farm.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): What was the delay due to in selecting a site for locating the sugar-cane farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The site first selected was found unsuitable by the P. W. D.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know when the Chief Engineer inspected the site?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot give the exact date now.

Road surfacing.

417. *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any experiments have been made with waste molasses for treating road surfaces; and

(*b*) if the results are satisfactory, whether the waste molasses of the Travancore Sugar Factory can be utilised for road surfacing?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The result was not satisfactory.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): In answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the result of treating road surfaces with waste molasses is generally unsatisfactory or whether the waste molasses of the Travancore Sugar Factory are not good for treating road surfacing?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Generally the result was not satisfactory. During rainy weather, the molasses is washed off the road.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether the result of treating road surfaces with waste molasses elsewhere was found a success?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not know of any place in British India where it proved a success. But Mysore experimented with this method. The results were satisfactory as long as dry weather conditions obtain. The molasses in Mysore are much cheaper than in Travancore and our experience is that it is not economical to use it on Travancore roads.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Where was the experiment tried?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Main Southern Road.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): In what part of that road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A few miles from Thuckala.

Malaria in and around Tenmalai.

418. *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether malaria has broken out in an epidemic form in and around Tenmalai;

(*b*) when it broke out there;

(*c*) the number of cases reported so far and the number of deaths: and

(*d*) the steps taken by Government to combat the epidemic?

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